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1908.

Oct 15th
Grosvenor Hotel. London.
Left Harmston at 2,3 & reached Kings Cross at 5,15.

Oct 16th
On train.
Left Victoria at 11.a.m. & got to Dover about 1. Boat started at 1,30 & we landed at Calais at 2,30 after a very smooth passage. Had to pass registered baggage there & left at 3,15 & reached Paris at 7. drove in a taxicab to the Gare de Lyon & after dinner went in another round Paris. Left at 9,20 — one Frenchman, who got out early in the morning, in my sleeping compartment.

Oct 17th
S.S. "Burgermeister". Mediterranean.
Reached Marseilles at 9,40. Left book & man to bring on my luggage & went to the agents & then down to the boat. She seems a nice ship — 5900 tons — & I have got a charming cabin on deck to myself, writing table, cupboards, etc, etc, but I had to pay £103. for it!!! However as the ship is very full — in some cabins smaller by far than mine there are four people — it is worth it.
Prince Schenck, Church, Tibbey & Johnson on board — also the Duke of Veragua & M. Huerta — Spaniards — who were out in B.E.A. last year & whom I met at Nairobi.
Left at 12,30 & got outside the docks about 1 — quite smooth & a cool breeze. On right & land all day.
The Spaniards & myself seem the only shooting people on board.

9 Measurements from Rowland Ward's "Records of Big Game." 1907.
x = animals killed by me with rifle of bore, etc, in bracket below name.

African Game. (East Africa.)

x Thomson's Gazelle. (gazella thomsoni).
16 ins. to 14 ins.
(14-13-13 ins.) ♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.

x Grant's Gazelle. (gazella granti.)
30 x 20 ins. to 26 x 19 ins.
(24½ ins - 22½ ins - 21 ins.) ♂♂♂♂♂ I.I.I.I.I.

x Grant's Gazelle (gazella granti roberti.)
24 x 28 ins. to 21 x 15 ins.
(24½ x 23½ ins.) ♂♂♂ I.I.I.

x Impala. (Aepyceros melampus.)
31 x 13 ins. to 24 x 12 ins.
(28¾ x 12 ins) ♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.

x Hartebeeste — Tora's. (Bubalis coksi.)
20 x 13 ins. to 18 x 14 ins.
(20 ins.) ♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.I.

x Hartebeeste — Jackson's. (Bubalis lelwel.)
25 x 11 ins. to 22 x 14 ins.
(23 ins.)

x Hartebeeste — Neumann's. (Bubalis neumanni.)
22 x 11 ins. to 18 x 9 ins.
(20 ins.) ♂ I.

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Oct-18th

S.S. "Burgermeister". Mediterranean.

Run = 280.

A lovely cool morning & quite smooth — high rocky land in sight till mid-day.

Twelve miles on board from Marseilles to Suez, also some Arab pilgrims from Bengasi to Mecca.

Oct-19th

S.S. "Burgermeister". Naples.

Went alongside the quay at Naples about 6.a.m. Jim & Fin Tobby, Johnson, Tito & Giles & myself went ashore about 10 & drove into the town & saw some very beautiful churches. Went by train — left Naples at 11,45 & arrived at 1 — to Pompeii — one of the most interesting places I have ever seen. Practically the town reproduced as it was 2000 years ago — the petrified — or lava-ified — bodies, the frescoes, etc, etc quite wonderful. Some of the latter very indecent too.

Drove back to see the two villages overwhelmed by lava two years ago — it sets as hard as a rock & makes one wonder how they excavated things at Pompeii without breaking them.

Back by train — Johnson & I dined in the Colonnade — our last good meal till we return to England — & were reluctant to go on board as we had done ourselves well.

Left Naples at 11 & were soon out in the open — quite smooth.

Oct-20th

S.S. "Burgermeister". Straits of Messina.

Run = 100.

Cool & quite smooth. Passed Stromboli about 9,30 & went through the Straits about 2 — blowing quite fresh. Messina & Reggio looked beautiful & we got some lovely views of the coast. Heavy rain at night.

x Oryx. (oryx leucoryx)
♀ 39 × 8 ins. to 34 × 13 ins.
♂ 37 × 11 ins. to 34 × 10 ins.
(28 ins.♂) (30½ ins.♀) 1.♀ 1.♂ 1.♂

Fringe-eared Oryx (oryx leucoryx callotis.)
32 × 13 ins. to 26 × 13 ins.

x Jopi. (damaliscus corrigum jimela.)
22 × 5 ins. to 16 × 6 ins.
(17 ins.) 1.♂ 1.♂ 1.♂

x White Bearded Brindled Gnu (connochaetes taurinus albojubatus.)
29 × 16 ins. to 26 × 19 ins.
(18 ins.) 1.♂ 1.♂ 1.♂ 1.♂

x Harvey's Duiker. (cephalophus harveyi)
3 × 3 ins. to 2 × 2 ins.
1.♂

x Kirk's Dik-Dik (madoqua kirki)
3 × 1 ins. to 2½ × 1 ins.
(2½ ins.) 1.♀ 1.♂

x Haggard's Oribi. (oribia haggardi)
6 × 3 ins. to 4 × 2 ins.
(5 ins.)

x Steinbok. (rhaphiceros campestris)
6 × 2 ins. to 5 × 2 ins.
(5 ins.)

Oct 21st.

S.S. "Burgermeister". Mediterranean.

Run = 292.

A dull morning blowing hard from the E. & the boat stopping a good deal of water over her bows, but not pitching very much. Sea moderated towards evening but it was still blowing hard.

Oct 22nd.

S.S. "Burgermeister". Mediterranean.

~~Mediterranean~~

Run = 295.

Quite calm this morning & warm. Crete just visible astern – port – at 8.a.m. Mrs Baildon's baby died last night & was buried this afternoon. Several swallows came on board.

Oct 23rd.

S.S. "Burgermeister" Port Said.

Run = 297.

A lovely bright morning with a cool breeze. Sighted land about 2. A water-wagtail came on board. Anchored at Port Said at 6, 30 & dined at the Exchange with Coleman & had numerous drinks with Penaranda & Huerta afterwards. Bought a helmet from Simon Bryt & some cigarettes. Up very late.

Oct 24th.

S.S. "Burgermeister". Suez Canal.

Off at 12, 30. a.m. & got into the Canal about 1. Tied up once in the night & then went on till 3 p.m. when we tied up again. A following wind & very hot. Did not go on for nearly two hours. Reached Suez about 7 & anchored & spent the rest of the night loading & unloading cargo – noise awful, but much cooler.

x Klipspringer. (oreotragus saltator)
5 x 2 ins. to 3 x 1 ins.
(4 ins.) 1.

x Waterbuck (cobus ellipsiprymnus.)
31 x 17 ins. to 27 x 18 ins. (E.A.)
(26 ins.) 1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.

x Defassa Waterbuck. (cobus defassa.)
34 x 13 ins. to 27 x 22 ins.
(28 ins.) - (29 ins.) 1.1.1.1.

x Uganda Kob. (cobus thomasi)
22 x 14 ins. to 20 x 11 ins. (Uganda)
(20 ins.) 1.1.1.1.1.

x Reedbuck. (cervicapra arundinum.)
17 x 17 ins. to 12 x 8 ins. (Africa.)
(10 ins.) 1.1.1.1.1.1.1.

x Mountain Reedbuck. (cervicapra fulvorufula.)
8 x 4 ins. to 7 x 5 ins. (Africa).
6 x 2 ins. to 5 x 2 ins. (East Africa)
(5 ins.) 1.

Bohor Reedbuck. (cervicapra redunca wardi.)
13 x 8 ins. to 9 x 5 ins. (East Africa.)

Gerenuk. (lithocranius walleri.)
14 x 4 ins. to 14 x 3 ins. (East Africa.)

Oct 25th
S.S. "Burgermeister" Red Sea.

Run = 118.
Left Suez about 3. a.m. — quite a fresh breeze from the N. and cloudy but not very hot. Highish mountains in sight most of the day. Passed P & O "Victoria". Cool breeze at night but it soon died away.

Oct 26th
S.S. "Burgermaster" Red Sea.

Run = 306.
Very hot night & morning, but a little cooler towards evening.

Oct 27th
S.S. "Burgermeister" Red Sea.

Run = 307.
A cool breeze & nothing like so hot, but it got very muggy in the afternoon.

Oct 28th
S.S. "Burgermeister." Red Sea.

Run = 300.
Quite a fresh breeze & much cooler. Passed an island about 10 & the "Twelve Apostles" about 1 — on the port side. It began to blow about 6. p.m. & at 11. was blowing quite hard & quite a sea got up.

Oct 29th
S.S. "Burgermeister." Aden.

Wind dropped in the night. Got to Aden at 11, but as it was very hot, did not go ashore. Usual crowd of natives selling things — some good Kudu & Ibex horns. Busy loading & did not get away till 11. p.m.

X Sable. (hippotragus niger.)
51 x 11 ins. to 42 x 11 ins. (Africa.)
(35 ins.) 31 x 13 ins. to 22 x 9 ins. (East Africa.)
1.

~~Roan. (hippotragus equinus.)~~
~~39 ins. to 29 x 10 ins. (Africa.)~~

X E. African Roan. (hippotragus equinus rufopallidus)
31 ins. to 24 x 6 ins.
(25 ins.) 1.

X Bushbuck. (tragelaphus scriptus roualeynei.)
18½ x 8½ ins. to 16 x 3½ ins.
(13 ins.) 1.

~~Kudu. (strepsiceros capensis.)~~
~~64 x 23 ins. to 55 x 36 ins. on arch of curve~~
~~48 ins to 35 ins. straight line.~~

E. African Kudu. (strepsiceros capensis chora.)
58 x 40 ins. to 49 x 36 ins.

X Lesser Kudu. (strepsiceros imberbis.)
35 x 16 ins. to 30 x 13 ins. on arch of curve.
(16 ins.) 26 ins. to 23 ins. straight line.
1. 1.

Oct-30th.
S.S. "Burgermeister". Gulf of Aden.
Run = 169.
Awfully hot & steamy — the worst day we have had so far — Wind from astern & just enough to keep the smoke from the funnel just over the boat. After lunch met a big swell & the ship pitched a great deal.

Oct-31st.
S.S. "Burgermeister" Indian Ocean.
Run = 278.
Quite smooth & very much cooler. Passed Cape Guardafui about 9 — the resemblance to the sleeping lion was more distinct than I have noticed before. Sports at night by the Dutch passengers.

Nov 1st.
S.S. "Burgermeister" Indian Ocean.
Run = 295.
Delightfully cool & not such a strong breeze. Wind got up again at night & blew quite hard.

Nov 2nd
S.S. "Burgermeister." Indian Ocean.
Run = 313.
Very cool — in fact almost chilly — as there are a good many clouds about. Got into a long swell in the afternoon & the ship pitched & rolled a good deal.
Fancy dress ball at night — some of the ladies' costumes quite good, but the mens very moderate. Supper & concert afterwards & to bed very late.

x Eland. (Taurotragus oryx).
37 x 23 ins. to 29 x 17 ins.
31 x 25 ins. to 25 x 12 ins. (East Africa.)
(26 ins.) 1. 1.

x Buffalo. (Bos (Bubalus) caffer.)
greatest width outside = 53 ins to 41 ins.
(43½ ins 9// - 44 ins - 43 ins) 1. 1. 1.

~~Alg 22 inch Buffalo (Bos caffer Agamoctatus)~~
~~q-w-o = 44 ins. to 31 ins.~~

~~Tongo Buffalo. (Bos caffer Typicus)~~
~~q-w-o = 23 ins. to 17 ins.~~

x Black Rhinoceros. (Rhinoceros (dicros) bicornis.)
Front horn = 53½ ins. to 13 ins.
Rear horn = 23 ins. to 14 ins.
(21 ins.) 1. 1. 1. 1.

x Hippopotamus. (Hippopotamus amphibius.)
Lower curved tusks = 64 ins. to 28 ins.
" Straight " = 21 ins. to 18 ins.
1.

x Wart hog. (Phacochoerus Aethiopicus.)
Upper tusks - length outside gum = 17 ins to 9 ins.
1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Nov 3rd

S.S. "Burgermeister". Indian Ocean.

Run = 321.

Cool & cloudy with a little swell.

Nov 4th

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Sighted land early & got into Kilindini harbour about 11. Awful scrimmage landing things, but King, who met me on the steamer, got my cabin baggage through the customs & I got to the hotel about 1. Quite cool & a delightful breeze from the sea. Luggage from hold has to come round from Kilindini to Mombasa in a lighter, so could do nothing today. Dined at the Club with Coleman, Penerunda & Huerta.

Nov 5th

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Went with King to the customs but neither baggage nor cartridges had arrived from Kilindini. Got things through in the afternoon. Heavy showers in the morning. Dined at the Club.

Nov 6th

In train.

Left by 2nd train at 12, 30 & through Frueh shank got a 1st class carriage to myself — got rifles, &c through customs early — very hot at first. Went to Kilu — the head of the police — before I left & gave him the numbers of the rifles which Gaekwad's stole from Lindsay & me this spring. He appears he was a real wrong'un & had done 18 months in Mombasa gaol for stealing. Dined at Voi.

x Elephant - African (elephas (loxodon) africanus)
Tusks = 11 ft - 5 ins. to 4 ft - 4 ins.
" = 293 lbs to 26 lbs.
♂ ♂ ♂ ♂ ♀
(8 ft - 11 ins.) (131 - 124 - 57 - 56 - 43 - 42½ lbs.) — (22 - 22 lbs)

x Lion. (felis leo.)
Length before skinning = 10 ft - 5 ins. to 8 ft - 1 ins. ♂
♂ ♂ ♂ ♂ ♂ ♀ ♀

Leopard. (felis pardus.)
" " " = 7 ft - 10 ins. to 5 ft - 7 ins. (African.)

x Thita. (cynaelurus jubatus.)
Length = 7 ft - 9 ins. to 6 ft.
♂

x Giraffe. (giraffa camelopardalis)
maximum height = 17 ft - 3 ins.
" " at shoulder = 10 ft - 11 ins.
♂ ♀

x Hunting dog. (lycaon pictus) ♂

x Serval Cat. (felis serval.)
♂ ♂ ♂ ♂ ♀ ♀

x Zebra. (equus zebra.)

Nov 7th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Delightfully cool this morning but heavy clouds about & it looks like rain. Reached Nairobi at 2,15 & was met by Riddell & Hoey. Went to Norfolk Hotel & re-packed things all the afternoon.

Nov 8th

Norfolk Hotel Nairobi.

A wet cold morning. Busy packing, etc all day. Very heavy rain at night. Called on Jackson, Hobley & the Governor.

Nov 9th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Heard my camp kit had at last arrived from Mombasa — it was despatched from there on Nov 25th — but as it is the King's Birthday no work was being done at the station, so we must wait till tomorrow. Went to see the parade of the K.A.R's — the band was very well done indeed.

Nov 10th

Norfolk Hotel Nairobi

Busy all day getting things from station, putting up tents, etc, etc. Weekes dined with us, also Hoey & Foreman. To bed late.

Nov 11th

Hotel Kahuru.

Started at 12 in a special train with Pemberton, Huerta & Hoey. When we got to Kaiyaha, a wire came to say that they had left the van with all Pemberton's kit in it behind at Nairobi!!! so they had to stop the night at Kahuru instead of going on to Londiani. Very cold & heavy rain. Good hotel.

x Hyæna. (hyæna crocuta.)
length = 5ft to 4ft-9ins.
1.

x Jackal. (canis lupaster.)
Hounds
1. 1.

xx Cartridge belt for gunbearer – .470's & .350's.
Mosquito curtains for tents – how best fixed – ~~sticks~~ hooks on side of tent ± "Explorer" tent
xx Rubber pad for .850 – end of butt similar to .470's.
xx Softnose & solid bullets – not split – telescopic sight for Mauser.
Several cigarette holders – "new-skin".
Filters – Maignens.
Tent bags big enough to enable tents easily to go into them when roughly folded.
Cartridge boxes with hinges & locks.
All boxes to be painted with a coloured line
Breeches with laces instead of buttons – {holland. / Khaki suits – trousers – Brownish colour.
Puttie leggings – or canvas ones – lined with leather.
xx Rifle to shoot with full sight at 200 yds – fine sight at 100 yds.
Shirts with collars but with short loose sleeves – Mosquito boots 6 inches higher in leg
Leather pouches – to slip on belt – for cartridges.
Shop Boxes – smaller tins of fruit – no biscuits – dried fruits & fish more
Boots – material? If Peal's, dubbin?
xx No ~~black~~ white line on backsight – or only half way up.
Pure alum for curing skins – also knife & taxidermine.

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1 lion hit but not got.

Nov 12th

~~Busy unloading~~ In camp. Jackson.

Busy unloading kit from train & putting up tents, opening chop boxes, etc, etc. Lunched & dined at the hotel. Forgot to get permit to go into the Barungo country, so went to Jackson for one. Penrenda & Muerta left at 10, 30 & I slept in camp.

Nov 13th

In camp. (marching.) Jampi Moto.

Up early & got the safari off at 7. Had breakfast at the hotel — for which I had not sufficient money to pay — & after buying various things & getting the permit to go into the Barungo country from the Post Office, started at 9. Have is quite a nice pony with good shoulders & a good mouth & fairly fast. Went over a down like country but only saw a few kongoni & zebra — the grass is very long. After going about 15 miles, Roy's dog — a cross between a setter & a pointer — began to hunt something down the road & we saw the quite fresh tracks of two lions. The dog went on & after going about ¼ of a mile seemed to get very frightened, so I took my new double .350 & directly afterwards he turned into the long grass & barked. Two lionesses immediately got up about 50 yds away, but were hid by the long grass before I could shoot. Immediately afterwards a big lion sat up & I had a go at his head but shot over him. Before he moved, I got in the second barrel & hit him. He bolted first towards us & then across our right front & I reloaded & missed him with the third shot but got him with the fourth. He went on into a very thick patch of grass & we did not see him again though we thought we heard him groan. It was not good enough following him into such thick stuff — the grass was nearly up to ones shoulders — so we went on into camp & got there with the safari at 1, 30 — an 18 mile march. Very sick at not getting the lion.

Uganda to Gondokoro.

I.

Marches – by land – from Entebbe to Butiaba.

1.	Bweya.	12.	
2.	Kampala.	11.	23.
3.	Kazimbili	9½.	32½.
4.	Kikandwa	11.	43.
5.	Kkyanuma	13.	56½.
6.	Kabula Inuka	12.	68.
7.	Katwe	9.	77.
8.	Kisingo	15½.	92½.
9.	Kibogo	9½.	102½.
10.	Kigoma	5½.	107.
11.	Jele	9.	116.
12.	Kikonda	16½.	133.
13.	Butema	9.	142
14.	Koima	7.	149.
15.	Kitoba	7.	157.
16.	Kafura	8.	164½.
17.	Wacki	9.	173.
18.	Butiaba	3.	176
19.	Butiaba Port.	3½.	179½.

II.

Butiaba to Kimuli – via Wadelai – by boat.

Butiaba to Wadelai = 72 miles. } 165 miles 2 camps.
Wadelai to Kimuli = 93 " . } 4 camps.

On the Nile.

Nov 14th.

In camp. (marching.) Molo river.

Off about 7, 15 & marched parallel to the Molo river along a wide plain, on which were a good many English & Dutch settlers. Got into camp at 11 & safari at 12. Saw no game except a few Kongoni & Zebra. Found the filters had been sent to Rawine & as the water is as muddy as Nile water & is said to be bad at Baringo, we shall miss them considerably. A sort of Scotch mist all the morning & heavy showers in the afternoon & the path awfully muddy. Very close & muggy.

Nov 15th.

In camp. (marching.) Red Water Camp.

Up early, but as we were sending the ponies to Rawine owing to fly about Baringo, we tried to get some ticks out of the heels of mine, which obliged us to throw him first, so did not get off till 7, 30. Marched along the Molo for some time & then went to the N.E. under some hills — the path was very muddy in places but later on we had to march for a long time over loose small stones, which made one awfully footsore. Got to water at 1 — three horrible looking muddy pools of a deep red colour — safari in at 2 — a good march & it is wonderful how well the bare feet stand the carry loads over sharp stones. Some Kamasia came in & said they would show us fords tomorrow. Mary stalked & hit an impala on the march, but did not get it. Saw a few kongoni as well. We seem to have got a very good lot of porters — mostly Wanyamwezi — & so far they have marched wonderfully well — in fact it is the only safari I have had in which the men have all marched together & there are no straggles. The water is awful here & the tea like thick soup — the more one drinks the thirstier one gets & washing only makes one dirtier — a bath is quite impossible. Any amount of Kamasia came into camp this evening & there was a tremendous "shauri" about fords, which, they say, swarm towards Lake Hannington.

III.

Marches from Yumuli to Gondokoro – viâ Fort Berkeley.

1.	Asua river.	11.
2.	Baka villages.	11.
3.	Yumuli.	12
4.	Lokoia	
5.	Jambur.	
6.	Kogi.	
7.	Kajna.	
8.	Fort Berk	
9.	Ibrahim	
10.	Gondoko	112.

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1.	Asua riv	
2.	Eraji.	
3.	Kijiji.	
4	Mugi vill	
5.	Kyonki	
6.	Kiloo.	
7.	Kit-river	
8.	Kuburo	
9.	Lulari	11.
10.	Gondokoro.	8. 107.

Nov 16th.

On camp. (marching.) W. of Lake Hannington.

Off at 6.15 with the Hamaina & after going about a mile along the path leading to Nakuru, turned W. & climbed a steepish hill, on the top of which we saw some recent kudu tracks, but no kudu. Continued S. on the top of ridges on which the going was awful — long grass with small loose stones underneath varied by large boulders which one could not see & continually tripped over. Eventually about 11 came to a valley in which there were three pools of red coloured stagnent water, but as it could not be worse than the water at last night's camp, we went back for the safari & it arrived about 3 & camped. The country seems composed of small hills & valleys. Saw one rhino, some zebra, impala & kongoni.

Nov 17th.

On camp. W. of Lake Hannington

Off at 6 — very cold — & went S. & E. up & across a ridge from which we got a fine view over a plain with scattered trees on it, which seemed to reach to just above Lake Hannington — the Nakuru escarpment to the E. & Baringo Lake to the N. Saw kongoni, zebra, eland & Grant on the plain but no signs anywhere of kudu. Roy had a long shot at a kongoni, but missed it. Returned intensely hot & were back in camp by 10. The Hamaina want to go home as their wives are sick!!! The gunbearers demanded pice in lieu of their full allowance of rice & not being satisfied with what we offered them, we gave them their full allowance, of which they were very sick as they can't possibly eat it all. Had a bath in liquid mud & was much dirtier after it than before.

Game seen & killed near Lake Hannington.
from 15th to 22nd 1918.

Roan	not shot at.	Kongoni	not shot at
Eland			
Grant-	1 ♂ killed.		
Impala	not shot at.		
Oryx	1 ♀ killed.		
Dik-dik	1 ♀ " .		
Zebra	1 ♂ " .		
Rhinoceros	not shot at.		

One dik-dik & one Grant ~~shot~~ killed.

~~Kongoni~~ " " " .

1 partridge killed.

Nov 20th.

In camp. W. of Lake Nanning tou.

Tried do not off till 6.30. Went E. across the plain & climbed up the big hill — the usual loose stones & boulders in the long grass making it very bad going. On the top is a widish plateau covered with thorn bushes & long grass — from the edge we spied to Lake Nanning tou on the N. — it was covered with flamingoes — & to the Likipia Escarpment on the E. & to Solai on the S. but saw no kudu though a good many eland. Saw the fresh tracks of one kudu on the top & shot a female dik-dik. Came down where we went up & shot a Grant near camp for meat, but its head was only moderate. Back in camp at 12.30 — intensely hot. Bad throat — & chest — expect it is this beastly climate.

Nov 21st.

In camp. W. of Lake Nanningtou.

Both very seedy so settled to move camp tomorrow. Off at 6.30 to the plain W. of the Lake but when we got there we found nothing except Zebra, Grant, impala, two rhino & one oryx — none worth shooting. Saw two vultures eating the eggs in an ostrich nest which we found yesterday — there were 17 & they had eaten three, so took 14 back with us. Tried to stalk a big herd of eland, but did not get a shot.

Nov 22nd. (marching.)

In camp. Molo River.

Off at 7 & marched S.W. for three hours & then turned W. & went down to the Molo river. Safari in about 12. Shot a partridge whilst marching & saw several coveys. Horribly hot.

1 Zebra killed.

Nov 23rd. M.

In camp. (marching.) 10 miles E. Ravine.

Off at 7 & marched across the Isolo & on till we reached a small stream. Safari in at 12. Shot a zebra & Joey a kongoni on the march — both long shots. Weather cloudy & delightfully cool after Nanningtin. Sent my 2nd gunbearer to see if he could find the skull & the lion I wounded on the 13th near Jampi Isolo.

Nov 24th. (marching.)

In camp. Ravine.

Off about 7 & had an awfully hot & tiring march into Ravine which we reached about 12. Major Horsefall's safari has just left for the Plateau. 2nd gunbearer came in having found the place where the wounded lion lay up on the 13th & a lot of dried up blood — he tracked him for about a mile but did not find his remains. Dined with Reeve-Read at the Boma — the younger Bailey was there too — a late night & a beastly walk back to camp in a deluge of rain.

Nov 25th.

In camp. Ravine.

Busy packing chop boxes, etc. The two Baileys came to breakfast — they had come from the Plateau & were en route to Nakuru. Very cold & cloudy & as most things are wet, it is rather unpleasant. Reeve-Read dined with us & we had another late night. Fotheringham, who used to live near here is dead. Have still got a bad throat & chest — the result of the bad climate near Lake Nanningtin. Over 150 Boers have gone up to the Guaso Nyoku Plateau since I was there last year & no doubt they will soon exterminate all the game.

Nov 26th

In camp. (marching.) Salt Lick camp.

Heavy rain in the night & a deluge about 7, so did not get the safari off till nearly 9, 30. Started ourselves about 11 & rode to the edge of the forest & then had to walk as the path is in an awful condition — in most places there is quite a foot of mud on it & it is almost impossible to keep on one's feet.

Got in about 1, 30 & luckily the sun came out so we were able to dry things more or less.

Nov 27th (marching.)

In camp. Mwanzini camp.

Very cold & not off till 7, 30. The path through the forest even worse than yesterday & porters tumbling down continually. Got into the open at 11 & camped in a beautiful down-like country studded with clumps of trees — very like the Hampshire downs — about 12. Saw the quite fresh track of a bongo in the forest. But no signs of any other game — very curious as it looks an ideal country for all kinds of game, but perhaps is too high & cold.

Nov 28th (marching.)

In camp. Red Earth camp.

Off at 7, 15 — a lovely morning but very cold — & marched over undulating down-like country till 1, when we halted for an hour & then went on & camped at 4. A long march. Saw a few bongos but nothing else.

Nov 29th (marching.)

In camp. Buda's camp.

Up half the night with a mild go of dysentery & very bad with fever but got off soon after 7 & marched to Buda's camp, which we reached at 1 & safari at 2, 30. Several new Dutch houses on the plateau.

1 Ox

1 Rongoni killed & 1 missed.

1 lion ~~[illegible]~~ killed — running.

Nov 30th M.

In camp. (marching.) Sirgoit Lake.

Both of us much better & off at 7, 15. After marching about two miles we came across Somerandas & Nuerta's camp. but they were both out shooting. They had got three lionesses & a cub. We left a letter & went on & about 10, spied them shooting — at least four men on ponies — & at the same time a lion & two lionesses about 1½ miles to the N. of them. Got to Sirgoit about 1 — it is sadly changed since I was here last year — any amount of Boers about & Hoey's store half built — Kirk in charge of it. Major Ross here & a policeman & a land surveyor. Ross had got a good elephant four days ago on the Ngora. Horsefall's safari got here yesterday. Elephants reported plentiful. Ross, Sanner & Kirk dined with us. Owing to the non-arrival of posho at Hoey's new store, we shall have to mess about for three or four days. Porters refuse to go on half rations of meat.

Dec 1st (marching.)

In camp. Lion camp.

Went to see Horsefall & got off about 7, 30. Marched round Sirgoit Lake & towards Ngora & camped there. I shot my lion last year at 11. No firewood for about 4 miles!!! Hit an oribi but could not find it. Both my Rigby .470's fit far too tightly & today we could not open one for a long time. It is too bad sending out guns in such a state, as if they jammed when near elephant, buffalo or lion, the consequences might be very unpleasant. Went out 3. after tea & I got a hongoni & missed one — both long shots & Hoey did ditto with two oribi & got a bustard. Coming back to camp, we saw a lion & a lioness in a swamp — they moved on behind a small hill & we got close up to them before they bolted. I stopped the lion with a shot in the hind quarter as he was running up the hill & he lay down & we soon settled him. The lioness got away. Quite a good lion.

1 eland ♂ killed.
2 lions ♂♂ hit Val- not got till two days afterwards — both running shots.

Dec 2nd

On camp. (marching.) Lampi Simba.

Off at 7 & marched N. along a dried up water course — the 2 gun saw a lion & a lioness close to us but we were "otherwise engaged" & they got away without being shot at. Knocked a big eland over — & standing up — at 100 yds, but it took three more shots to settle him — horns only 22 ins. Left the safari to camp at 10 & went on hoping to pick up the elephants whose tracks we found only a day old. Went W. till 1 but finding no traces of them, turned back. On our way to camp. Hoey's mule stopped & snorted & we saw two big lions asleep under a bush about 60 yds from us & 70 yds from the edge of "Thornton's swamp". We crept up to within 30 yds of them — much too close, as they both jumped up & bolted to the swamp without pausing. I hit one hard with the first barrel of my .350, but missed him with the second. Hoey had two barrels with the .470 at the other but thought he missed each time & he too went into the swamp. I got my .470 & thought I hit him as he crossed an open place in it, but could not be sure. Tried to get the swamp & did more or less but saw no more of the lions & went home in disgust — not in till 5 — very tired. Saw lots of eland, etc, etc & a few giraffe.

Dec 3rd

On camp. Lampi Simba.

Off at 7, 30 but had only gone an hour when we met the askari & men whom we had sent from Mwanungu two to Bering to bring the donkeys back. They said the posho had arrived at Serguit, so Hoey had gone off there & returned at 6, 30 with a waggon load of it. Rich came too & spent the night with us. Had a busy day re-packing all the chop boxes, cartridge boxes, etc. etc.

Two dead lions – hit on the 2nd bound.
1 hongoni killed.

1 Gelb
2 oribi

Dec 4th

In camp. (marching.) Lampi Lumba.

Kirk left at 8 with Chatposho we did not want & we got off at the same time. Went to the swamp where I hit the lion two days ago & found both dead at once — chiefly guided by the smell. One lion's skin was quite spoilt but the other which had a magnificent black mane — by far the best I have ever seen — was not far gone except under the chin. Went back to our old camp & dressed the skin most of the day. It was hit on the top of the right shoulder & as they had only fired at its left side, it must have been my shot from the .470 which killed it running away from me in the swamp. The other I had hit just behind the shoulder & it must have died at once.

Went out after tea & I killed one hongoni & hit another which I could not get before it got dark.

Dec 5th

In camp. Lampi Lumba.

Late breakfast & started at 8 for Dirgoit. Got there at 10, 30 & had lunch with Pinerunda & Nuerta who had just arrived. They had got no more lions and we passed there camp on the 30th. Got back to camp at 5, 30. Got a mail from Rudine. Horseborough — Horsefall (?) called when we were away.

Dec 6th (marching.)

In camp Turkey or camp.

Off at 7, 30 & marched N. W. till 1 o'clock when we camped near a swamp. Met Horseborough & Dean & a Turkey & came in about 3 to ask if we had seen his safari. Passed a hongoni & shot a gerenuk. Saw a lioness on the march but she at once went into a big swamp, so we went on. They got one oribi. Went out after tea & got two oribi.

1 hob killed 2 1 bushbuck missed.

1 ko
4 part

Dec 7. "
M.

In camp. (marching.) Kampi Lemaka.

Off at 7 & marched due W. till we got to the Valley in which the Ngoia runs & camped close to it. Before in at 11.30. Passed an askari & two porters of the Germans, who are going to Iringa. A very dirty dusty camp. Went out N. along the river bank after tea & saw a nice hog, which I missed at 100 yds but got at 300 yds when he stopped to look back. Had = 1 gun. Went on & as it was just getting dusk, saw a Bushbuck nearly hidden in the long grass about 70 yds away & shot over him with both barrels. Very annoying as I have so far — in three trips — never got a shot at one before. The Ngoia is quite a big river here — I should think 40 yds from bank to bank.

Dec
Thurs 8.

In camp. (marching.) Ford camp.

Off at 7 & marched due W. parallel to the Ngoia till 11. when we forded the river & camped on the N. side. Ford rather deep — nearly up to my armpits & a strongish current — however by putting a rope across to an island in the middle, we got everything over all right. Shot a hog on the march, also 2 brace of partridges & missed a hog — a nasty shot through some bushes — standing up. The men caught a lot of fish today — a sort of shark with big coarse scales — some weighed 2 lbs & more. The country here is quite different to the rest of the plateau — fairly thickly studded with trees, but not the usual thorn tree — acacia or mimosa — & a good many palm trees by the banks of the river. Bananas should grow here. Went out up the river after tea but saw nothing worth shooting. Had another go of dysentery last night, which probably won't be improved by wading the river & sitting in wet clothes for some time afterwards.

Dec 9th.

In camp. (marching.) Elgon camp.

Off soon after 7 & marched N.W. over an undulating country till we got to the valley below Elgon where we camped at 12. A very hard march as the grass is very long & tangled & there is no path. The country about here is quite thickly wooded. No fresh elephant tracks to be seen, though any amount of old ones & a lot of rhino paths.

Dec 10th.

In camp. (marching) Jumbo camp.

Moved camp about two miles due W. & then went along the river bank for about three miles, from when we spied six elephants on a hill side about five miles away. Rode up to them & when we got quite close, found they were four cows & two calves — none worth shooting. Took some photographs & then went back towards camp but on the way saw some elephants in a swamp. Had a difficult job to get round them & had a lot of trouble getting the ponies over a river & when we got to the swamp we found it so thick with undergrowth & creepers & the wind so choppy that it was impossible to get into them, especially as they seemed very restless. We waited outside & after a time heard them moving & out they came in single file — there must have been quite 80 of them. We walked alongside them & could not see a single one worth shooting for a long time. Eventually the very last seemed good enough & I broke her shoulder with the first shot. Left her & rode after the others but they were all cows. Went back to the cow & found her tusks very small. They weighed together 41 lbs !!!!

Had a long job crossing a swamp coming home — got the mule over but had to send the pony round. Close to camp about 15 elephants crossed our path. We followed them & they had a shot — [redacted] as I was doubtful about the size of the tusks & did not want another small one, — killed one & again found it under size!!! In camp at 4.

2 ♂♂ killed & 1 ♂ missed.
1 partridge.

1 ♂ killed & 1 ♂ hit but not got.
3 partridges ".

Dec 11"

In camp. Jembo camp.

Up late & sent men off to get the tusks from the cow elephant killed yesterday. Meant to leave the one they shot but some of our men found it just after they had eaten 9 the tusks away—he could not get at the other with a small axe—so we agreed to say it had been killed by the Kaboobo, who had taken one 9 the tusks & to give the other up to the Government—it weighed 22 lbs. A bad business yesterday & I am especially annoyed as I thought none 9 the tusks were worth shooting but yielded to Hoey's opinion. Went out after tea but saw nothing.

Dec 12"

In camp. (marching.) Ford camp.

A dull showery morning. Off at 7 & marched past our old camp & on to the Nyoa river, which the safari reached at 11,30. It made a lot 9 difference marching along the path we had made going & we did it in much quicker time. Put four shots from the .350 all round a kob at 400 yds, but did not hit him. Went down the river after tea & shot two kob—both moderate heads—& a partridge. Shot badly but both kob were very inquisitive & did not move out 9 range after the first miss & consequently paid the penalty.

Dec 13"

In camp. Ford camp.

Went down the river & shot a kob the other side—the gunbearers had to swim across to get the head. Went down some miles & saw a tremendous lot 9 kob, two waterbuck & hongoni, but did not shoot anything more. Kob's head = 20 ins. After tea went out W. & shot 3 partridges & stalked a kob which I could not get owing to darkness. Two porters from the Germans safari came in to find the way to Kirunga.

1 waterbuck ♂ killed.
6 partridges " .

1 lion ♂ killed – running.

xxx On examining the lion's skull, it appears that my bullet had hit him on the top of the skull & glancing off, had only stunned him – hence his sudden recovery.

Dec 14th M.

In camp. (marching). Above Samaki camp.

Off early & marched N.E. more or less parallel to the Ngoia river till we got to Samaki camp, where we found Hornebrough & Dean, so went about two miles up the river & camped on the N. side of it. Had to cross a deepish river running into the Ngoia just before reaching our camping ground. Shot three brace of partridges on the way & Rory got a marabout stork & hit a kob which he did not get.

Went out up the river after tea & saw a nice waterbuck — missed him clean — standing up — at 100 yds but he stopped at about 250 yds & I got him through the shoulder. Saw two reedbuck but as usual did not get a shot. We make far too much noise in the long grass to get near such shy animals & ought to go much quieter to do any good, but people out here have no idea of stalking in any shape or way & simply blunder on trusting to luck & the extraordinary tameness of the animals.

Waterbuck head = 29 ins.

Dec 15th.

In camp. (marching.) On the ~~Ngoia~~ Lowdare.

Paid off three porters who had been sent to Sergoit to get rice — of which there was none there — & who came back & said they had seen plenty & that we would not buy it. Marched up stream & after going about ½ hours, saw some kongoni looking at a fine lion on the other side of the river. The lion went into some long grass & we luckily found a fallen tree by which we crossed the stream & very soon afterwards came up to the lion, I missed him running with the first barrel but got him through the top of the skull with the second & he dropped. We went up to within 20 yds of him & sat down till he was apparently dead when he suddenly got up & came for us — luckily we both had our rifles handy & settled him. Jumped on the S. side of the river. Went out after tea for waterbuck but saw none.

1 Rongoni ♀ killed & 1 hyæna missed — running.
1 bushbuck ♂ killed.

1 waterbuck ♂ missed — 400 yds.
1 partridge killed.

Dec 16th.

In camp. On Ngoma river.

Off at 5,45 & went up the river after bushbuck but saw none. Heard some lions at a kill but they were on the other side of the river. Killed a hongoni & Hoey killed another & an orib. Passed a hyena running. After tea crossed the river by the fallen tree & went down a stream & watched an open glade. Some of the porters saw a bushbuck come into a swamp & lie down, as I went to the place & after a while he got up facing me 150 yds off. Could only just see his head but fired. If shot I judged his body to be a shot over him. dropped him second barrel, but he went into the swamp which we dived & Hoey settled him as he came out. Got back in camp till 7.

Dec 17th.

In camp. (marching.) Bustard camp.

Off early & marched E. till we got to the Ngoma — it was not the Ngoma we have been camped on for the last two nights — which we forded without much trouble. Went on past the big swamp — which we marched by on the 7th & I missed a long shot at a good waterbuck close to it. Hoey thought he saw a lion a short way on but we could find no trace of it. Camped about two miles above "Survey" camp at 12,30. By a small swamp. Went out after tea & Hoey shot the bustards & I got a partridge but saw nothing else worth shooting.

Dec 18th.

In camp (marching.) Eingoit.

Off at 7,15 & marched S.E. to Eingoit. Got in at 12 & pitched camp. Rained a little & then hailed & thundered & lightened terribly heavy rain only got one mule loaded. Hoey shot a waterbuck on the march that had to be left in the river as it sank & could not be got out. Mish dined with us.

1 serval cat killed.
1 reedbuck ♂ killed.
2 partridges "

1 kongoni ♂ killed & 1 missed.

Dec 19th

In camp. Sirgoit.

Up late & Wrote letters most of the morning. Hoey & Kirk rode out to look at the farmers farm & on the way past up a lion & lioness, which they chased for a long way — they thought they hit the lioness but could not get her & the lion went into a swamp. Count Letterhose came in about 3 — he is very keen to get lion but so far has been unsuccessful. He has shot in Kashmir & got a 58 ins. markhor at Heramosh. He got a 29½ ins. there not far from Sirgoit Lodge.

Dec 20th

In camp (marching.) Karuna camp.

Left lion skins, heads, etc with Kirk, said good bye to Letterhose & started off at 7, 30 marching E. Jock put up a serval cat close to us but by the time I had got my rifle & off my pony, he had got 200 yds — however I made a lucky shot — standing up — & knocked him over galloping got two partridges in the same place & camped near the forest at 10, 30. Went out after tea towards the forest in the hopes of getting a bushbuck but did not see one & we each shot a reedbuck, which swarm here.

Dec 21st

In camp. Karuna camp.

Off soon after 7 & went N.W. round the swamp E. of Karuna hill. Saw no lion or anything interesting — missed a long shot at a hongoni & killed another, in whose hind quarter we found an old .303 bullet. Hoey killed an oribi. Some Elgon came in during the afternoon & after tea Hoey went out towards Karuna hill & killed two hongoni for them. I went out E. & spied the small valley for bushbuck but saw nothing except reedbuck & a few hongoni. Turned very cold tonight & looks like rain — hear it has been raining every day at Rakwa, which the natives call Shimoni.

1 zebra missed – 400 yds.

Dec 22nd.

In camp. Karuna camp.

A dull cold morning after a good deal of rain in the night, so not off till late. Went E. towards the forest — just short of which we saw two chitas & tried to gallop them but they got into the trees a good 400 yds in front of us — walked about two miles through it — gradually ascending. When we got to the summit, we had a magnificent view of the Elgeyu valley quite 3000 ft below us. It seemed fairly thickly wooded & is surrounded on all sides — except perhaps due N — by high rocky hills — very high to the N.E. Could just see the Likipia escarpment due E. There is a fair sized lake in the middle of the valley — the Elgeyu seem to live on the side of the hill & we could see no trace of inhabitants in the valley itself, though grass fires were burning away to the N. This valley has never been properly explored & is said to contain any quantity of buffalo but nothing else much. Went out up a valley running N.W. after tea for bushbuck but it came on to rain so did not stay out long. Rain came on very heavily about 7, which is very unusual for this time of the year — usually quite the driest time.

Dec 23rd.

In camp. (marching.) Sirgoit.

Heavy rain in the night & a dense mist this morning, so not off till nearly 8, when it cleared up but soon clouded over again. Saw a zebra which had apparently been badly clawed in the hind quarters by a lion. Could not get closer than 400 yds & missed it. Also shot a Kongoni. Only 8 at Sirgoit — we got in about 10, 30. A Boer came in with letters — a very poor specimen & full of gas about lion shooting — it turned out he had only shot at one & missed it. Two Boers came in with two ox waggons from Ravine — 11 days.

Game seen & killed on the Gwasingeishu Plateau.
From Dec 1st to 24th. 1908.

Elephant	1♀ killed.
Lion	4♂♂♂♂ " — 1 hit but not got.
Mongone	5♂♂♀♀ " — 3 missed — 1 hit but not got.
Eland	1♂ " — 1 hit but not got.
Oribi	2♀♀ " — 1 hit but not got.
Hob	5♂♂♂♂♂ " — 2 missed — 1 hit but not got.
Waterbuck	1♂ " — 1 missed — 400 yds.
Bushbuck	1♂ " — 1 missed in dusk.
Reedbuck	1♂ " .
Serval cat	1♀ " .
Zebra	1♂ " — 1 missed — 400 yds.
Duiker	_____ 1 missed. (running.)
Dopi	not shot at.
Giraffe	not shot at.
Thila	_____ 1 missed (running)
Rhinoceros	not shot at.
Wart hog	not shot at.
Jackal	not shot at.
Hyaena	_____ 1 missed. (running.)

20 partridges & 1 hare.

Cedar trees have stringy bark in long strips.

Dec 24th

In camp. (marching.) Breda's camp.

Off at 7,30 & reached Breda's camp at 12 — safari in at 12,30. Hoey killed two oribi & a kongoni on the march & I got two partridges & a hare. Passed some of Letterhose's safari who said he had seen three lion but had not got one. One of the Bredas came to tea.

Dec 25th

In camp. (marching.) Red Earth camp.

Off about 7 & marched along the path till 9,30. Then we left the safari to go on & turned W. for an hour to see Corbett — the District-Commissioner. Left the task we found with him & caught up the safari just getting into camp at 1,30. Turned dull & very cold & about 3 very heavy rain came on.

Xmas Dinner Menu.

Mulligatawny Soup. (tinned.)
Herrings. (tinned.)
Oribi Pie.
Kongoni Marrow Bones.
Plum Pudding. (tinned.)
Tea, Coffee, Whisky.

Dec 26th

In camp. (marching.) Meanyini camp.

Off at 7,30 & marched past the Falls camp, which we reached at 10,30, to Meanyini camp. Safari in at 3,30. Swamps very wet. Saw a few kongoni but no other game though the grass seems good & it is a beautiful undulating country with plenty of swamps & streams. The height & consequent coldness must account for the practical absence of game — to look at it would appear an ideal country in every way. But between here & the Falls camp is absolutely desolate.

Sent to Rowland Ward

3 lions' skins ♂♂

4 lion skulls ♂♂♂♂

1 cerval cat skin ♀

1 oryx head, headskin & skull ♀

1 dik-dik " " ♀

1 bushbuck " " ♂

1 waterbuck " " ♂

2 kob " " ♂♂

2 oribi " " ♂♂

1 eland head ♂

Dec 27th.

In camp. (marching.) Ravine.

Off at 7 & marched for an hour till we got to the forest — saw some roan just outside it but nothing with a good head. The going in the forest was not so bad as when we went up & we got to Ravine at 12 — safari in at 1, 30. Met Major Ross at the store & saw the end of a Mexican dance which Fleure-Read had got up. Bought a lion skin head-dress for Rs. 20. No mail for some reason.

Dec 28th.

In camp. (marching.) Half Way Camp.

Went to see the Duke of Alba who arrived with another Spaniard & Dubois last night en route to the plateau. They seem to be having a lot of trouble with their men — their headmen deserted & also a lot of their porters. They have an enormous safari — 160 men & any amount of donkeys — goodness knows why they want so many men as they & I can do with so easily. Called at the Boma to see Fleure-Read & left at 10. Got to camp at 12, 30.

Dec 29th.

In train.

Off at 8, 30 & after calling on Jenner, who had hurt his knee, got to Londiani about 12, 30. Train left at 4, 45. Arrived at Nakuru.

Dec 30th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Off at 3, 40 & reached Nairobi at 11, 30. Went to the Norfolk Hotel & found Cimeranda & Huerta there — they leave with Black for the Congo on Saturday. Coleman came in, also Cunningham. Busy unpacking things most of the afternoon, getting hair cut, etc, etc. Am afraid the good lion skin will be no use — a lot of the mane is still very loose.

dec 31st

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Met Messrs Jackson with Pereranda & Huerta about our proposed trip to Lake Rudolf, but he was not very enthusiastic about it, though he raised no objections. Busy all the afternoon saying things. Dined with the Baldons — Pereranda, Huerta, Riddell, Mr & Mrs Steedman & Mrs Laurence Itten — a very nice house.

List of Game killed in Somaliland.

1907.

Greater kudu	11.
Lesser kudu	11.
Oryx	22.
Hartebeest	11.
Waller's gazelle	34.
Soemmerings "	68.
Speke's Pelzeln's "	73.
Clarke's "	8
Klipspringer	13.
Bahra	7
Dik-dik	81
Warthog	11
Ostrich ♀	1.
Bustard	1
Lion	3
Leopard	9
Cheetah	1.
	367.

1 Rongoni killed.

Jan 1st.

Norfolk Hotel — Nairobi.

All the shops shut so could do nothing but pack all the day. Hoey & Cunningham dined with us & we had a long talk about our proposed expedition to Lake Rudolf next autumn.

Jan 2nd.

Norfolk Hotel. — Nairobi.

Busy buying things all the morning. Sent the safari to camp about 6 miles out on the Fort Hall road. Pieranda & Nuerta left for the Congo with Black. Sadler-Jackson came in from safari.

Jan 3rd.

On camp. (marching.)

Hoey went to see Cunningham with reference to his accompanying us to Rudolf & Gondokoro next autumn, but as he takes Roosevelt in April, he could not give a decided answer. Started at 10 & rode about 6 miles, where our camp was pitched. Very hot.

Jan 4th.

On camp. (marching.) — Ruera camp.

Off at 7,15 & marched over a slightly undulating grassy country till 11,30. Safari in about 12. A good road with a barbed wire fence on each side most of the way & all the land apparently taken up. Saw some Dommies, but no other game.

Jan 5th.

On camp. (marching.) — Junction Thania—Thika river

Off at 7,15 & marched through a flat grassy country to the junction at 12. On the Thania is a very fine waterfall—quite 150 ft high & a pretty wooded gorge beneath it. Shot a Kongoni—Coke's—on the march & had to kiboko four men & a boy for stealing meales from the natives.

3 guinea fowl killed.

Jan 6th

In camp. (marching.)

Off at 6,45 & marched through the same flat grassy country for about two hours when it changed into a series of hills & valleys — the latter very highly cultivated & apparently very thickly populated. Ground seems to descend considerably towards the E. & we had a magnificent view of Kenia. In at 11,30 & safari at 1. No game of any kind to be seen. A very pretty view from camp over a flat but slightly undulating country which stretched for miles to the S. & was ended by a low range of hills — very few trees & all the low lying country cultivated. Any amount of natives — Kikuyu — & cattle about & an immense amount of food being carried along the road to Nairobi.

Jan 7th

In camp. (marching.) Fort Hall.

Off before 7 & marched over the same country as before till we came to a deep ravine which we crossed & then climbed a steep hill, on the top of which is Fort Hall. In about 10,30. Quite a nice place with several white mens' houses & trees nicely laid out. Saw ~~Hickman~~ Hickmott — a policeman. Open view across a flat plain towards the Tana, & S. towards some low hills. Went to see Dane — the Commissioner — who advised us to go to Cunningham's place & back by the Thika — Thika to Kunda Nelia. Dined with Dane — Ogron was there too.

Jan 8th

In camp. (marching.)

Left ponies behind on account of fly & marched down the hill & N.E. for a couple of hours till we came to the suspension bridge across the Tana. Then marched over a flat slightly undulating plain & camped on a small hill about 11. We are going to a swamp where my gunbearer has got buffalo before & then on to Cunningham's place. Not so very hot as there is a nice breeze. Got 3 guinea fowl after tea.

Baff… …tly eat… …the Buffalo … s skeal…

Route to Buffalo place from Fort Hall — 3 days march.

Baffalo are to be found two days march from the swamp towards … the old … — 2 days …

Jan 9th

In camp. (marching.) On Jeba river.

Got safari off at 7, 15 & marched S.E. till we came to a very big swamp several miles long & in places over two miles in breadth. Marched alongside it, through continuous fields of native grain, till we reached the Jeba. The bridge is broken down — the new road to Ambo goes to the N. of this which is the old native one — so we camped on the W. side. It is a big quick river about 40 yds wide & looks deep — is said to be full of hippos & crocodiles. Went down the Jeba river after tea to an open plain bordering the swamp. Saw a big herd of buffalo come out — the latter about 4, 30, but the wind was all wrong & most stupidly we went on & they all went back into the papyrus where it was useless to follow them. We went against my advice & I was rather sick at the result. Very small ticks swarm here & are an awful nuisance.

Jan 10th

In camp. On Jeba river.

Up early & got to the edge of the swamp at 6, 45, but there were no buffalo to be seen in the open & judging from the birds they were all well inside the swamp. Back in camp at 7, 30 & spent the rest of the morning picking ticks off my clothes — there must have been nearly a hundred on them. Some natives came in about 3 o'clock & said the buffalo were feeding outside the swamp, so we went out at once. The wind was bad but by walking through the swamp, which luckily was not very wet, we got to where what ought to have been down wind of them. Unluckily, en route we saw about 10 buffalo about 200 yds in the swamp — they must have got our wind & were a long way from those the natives had seen — but I was sure they would come out, so we wasted the whole afternoon watching them & — as was to be expected — they stayed in the swamp. A stupid proceeding as probably the buffalo the natives saw were well in the open all the time. The white birds always follow the buffalo & by them, one can see exactly where they are

1 Kongoni missed.

xx Found out afterwards that the striker spring was broken.

2 Buffalo ♂♂ killed.
13 Quail " .

There Buffalo were right in the open & must have been seven or eight miles from any cover — very unusual in B. E. A. where they seldom leave forests or swamps except at night to feed.

Jan 11th

In camp. (marching) Jeba river.

Kikuyu guides late, so not off till 7.15. Marched nearly due S. parallel to the Jeba river over a flat plain till 10 o'clock, when we camped as the river makes a big bend to the E. Missed a long shot at a Rongai.

Jan 12th.

In camp. (marching.) Iviriangaki camp.

Got the safari off about 6.30 & marched due S. over a rolling plain in parts of which we saw a tremendous quantity of game & some Rongai — also put up lots of quail & by walking in line with the Kikuyu guides & the gunbearers. I soon got 13 & stopped shooting. Just as we were getting to camp at 10.30, we saw a big herd of buffalo feeding right in the middle of a plain & coming towards us. A deep water course led us right up to them, but we got too close & when we climbed out of it, they were filing past — parallel to the watercourse — not 30 yds away. We could not see their heads properly, so went back & down the gully & climbed out again, but they heard us & started off. One bull stood a moment not 60 yds away, but the right barrel of my .470 refused to go off — the stirrup jammed — & I lost the chance. Hoey fired two barrels at him the galloping, but with no apparent effect. We pursued them but very soon came across five more bulls, who went & stood under some trees. A gully led us up to within 350 yds of them, but we could get no nearer, so waited in the gully. Suddenly we heard a noise & clambering up the side, saw the five bulls galloping towards us. They shied off about 70 yds away & went up a small hill, but I dropped one with a .350 bullet in the neck & stopped another with the second barrel & Hoey finished him with his .450. Why they suddenly galloped towards us is a mystery. Both good heads 2 = 44 ins. & 43 ins. at the widest breadth outside. One apparently a very old bull but the men said the best was not shot at.

1 impala ♂ missed.

1 Waterbuck ♂ hit but not got.
1 partridge killed.

Game seen on the Dana river.
Jan 7th to 16th. 1909.

Buffalo	2 killed. ♂
Kongoni	not shot at.
Zebra	" " "
Impala	2 killed. ♂
Waterbuck	1 hit but not got.
Rhino	not shot at.
Giraffe	" " "
Nigger	" " "
Eland	" " "
Wart hog	" " "

Jan 13th.

In camp. (marching.) Dana river.

Off at 7,15 & marched to the nearest point of the Dana. Camped about it at 8,30. Ivored a small impala at 250 yds— We could not make out what kind of a buck it was—as its horns were only about 6 inches long— till it bolted. The men caught some good fish in the river— a cross between a barbel & a chub — up to 4 lbs.

Jan 14th.

In camp. (marching.) Dana river.

Off at 7,10 & marched over rather hilly wooded country parallel to the Dana till 10,30 when we camped close to it. Had an easy shot at a waterbuck but missed him first barrel & only scratched him with the second & he got away. They killed two impala & missed another. Very hot after 9. & the flies an intolerable nuisance, but luckily not so many ticks.

Jan 15th.

In camp. (marching.) S. of Dana Bridge.

Off at the usual time & marched E. & then N. till 10 o'clock when we camped near the Dana. A very hot long tiring march as we were going nearly 6 hours. They missed an impala — a long shot. Fewer ticks, thank goodness.

Jan 16th.

In camp. (marching.) Fort Hall.

Off latish but got to the bridge, where the ponies met us. about 8 & got into Fort Hall at 10. Went to the Post Office but found no mail. Two safaris have passed through since we left. Judge, who was in this country 20 years ago, came in with another man & we had a very interesting talk. Dined with Molyneux & to bed late.

2 guinea fowl killed.

xx.

Jan 17th

In camp. (marching.)

Hyde-Baker came to see us & we went to see Gedge, so not off till 7, 30. Camped at 11 at the same camp as we were at on Jan 6th which after the dawn seems delightfully cool & breezy, though coming from Nairobi it seemed unbearably hot. Shot two guinea fowl after tea.

Jan 18th

In camp. (marching.) Junction Thania-Thika

A dull misty morning — off at 7 & marched to the junction of the Thania & Thika-Thika rivers & camped at 12, 30. Quite a cool breeze in the evening. Passed a papyrus swamp which the natives had burnt — they said they extracted a kind of salt from the burnt papyrus & shewed us some — it was dark coloured & certainly tasted very salt.

Jan 19th

In camp. (marching.) Kamiti camp.

Off at 6, 45 & marched past Ruara camp to Kamiti camp, which we reached at 12, 30 & the safari at 1, 40. A long march but luckily cloudy & cool.

Jan 20th

Norfolk Hotel Nairobi.

About 10 o'clock the syce came to say that xx the grey pony was sick, but before I could get out, he dropped down dead. Off at 6, 46 & got into Nairobi about 10, 30. Saw Solemans & Elkington at the Norfolk full of tomorrows races. Dined with the Solemans, Jardens & Hoey & to bed early. Wired to Cunningham to meet me at Naivasha on Saturday to arrange about our trip to Rudolf next year.

Sent to Rowland Ward_
2 Buffalo heads. "

Jan 21st

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Arranged with the Boma people to send the buffalo heads to Rowland Ward's at once. After lunch went to the races, which were much better than I expected. Seven races & quite good fields but nearly all the horses trained by Ellington or Flatterbuck. Darlton much the best jockey – in fact a "pro" from S. Africa – & Flatterbuck next but the rest very moderate. Weights much too high – one pony – "Stingo" – only 14 hands & carrying 13 stone. A good course. Dined with the younger Coleman & his "mrs" & in the middle I dennis the French "chef" cut a boy across the face with a knife & then ran amok & was hauled off to gaol. The races had been too much for him.

Jan 22nd

Norfolk Hotel Nairobi.

Busy buying things most of the morning. Wire from Cunningham today to say he is leaving Naivasha tomorrow at midnight.

Jan 23rd

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Wire from Grey to ask me to take the Blankeney Hounds again – in Riddell's private code, so it was lucky I am in Nairobi!!! Went to the races in the afternoon – mostly chases & hurdle races & quite good fun. Dined with Major & Mrs Horsbrugh & Baron Letterhove.

Jan 24th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Cunningham came in & we had a long talk about our proposed expedition next autumn & he is very keen to come if he can finish with Roosevelt in time.

Jan 25th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Busy all the morning settling up things. Dalgetty — 7th Hussars — came in from the Elemita Plains & had got 27 species. Talked to Wray declining to take the Blankney Hounds again. Dined with Pardoes, Dalgetty & Coleman.

Jan 26th

Waiting Room. Initio Rudei.

Busy starting safari off — 20 porters, 4 askaris, 3 gunbearers, 2 personal boys & 1 cook & cook's boy — early & left at 12.20 in a carriage put on to a goods train. Dined at Nakuru & got to Initio Rudei about 10.45 p.m. Had our beds put up in the Waiting room & I was woke up by several rats running over my body — however they bolted out of the door & did'nt return.

Jan 27th

On camp (marching.) Mile 155. (18.)

Busy getting loads right & did not get off till about 8.15 — every body except my gunbearers, the boys & headman carrying loads & very heavy ones too. Marched as far as the second bandi from Initio Rudei station & camped there at 10. Busy country all round the line — quite impassable in places, but a good deal more open where we are camped. Rode on the W. side of the line. Went out E. after tea, for a time through fairly open bush country & then turned N.E. when the bush became a good deal thicker, but saw neither buck nor anything else & no fresh tracks. We quite misjudged our position coming back & must have gone wrong somehow for we did not hit the line for a long time & then beyond camp, which we did not reach till past 7 o'clock. Quite cool in the day time, but very hot at night.

Jan 28th.

In camp. (marching.) Mile 159. (18.)

Off soon after daybreak & went up the line for a mile & then struck E. for a time & then swung round back to camp, which had been moved to the next lands at mile 159. The country was bushy but rather more open than where we were yesterday & we saw one male lesser kudu, which offed it before I could shoot, & about six females. Two males crossed the line into the reserve about a mile from us just as we got to camp. As usual we made a lot of noise walking through the grass & nearly all the animals we saw had spotted us first — it seems that everyone who has been any time in this country, expects to get animals through their own stupidity or curiosity & the art of stalking is quite unknown to them — neither have they the slightest idea of woodcraft. Saw some koorpi & a dik-dik. Went N.E. after tea & saw a good many kudu tracks, but only two fresh & some giraffe.

Jan 29th.

In camp. Mile 159. (18.)

Off at 5,45 — a tremendously heavy dew — & went N.E. to the river, which is bordered by very thick bush. Turned W. through much more open country but saw nothing at all. Have to work by compass here as the country is quite flat & there are no landmarks to be seen at all. Back in camp at 10. Saw one impala & three dik-dik. Went up towards the station after tea & then parallel to the river & back to camp, but saw nothing except an odd dik-dik. It looks as if the kudu had migrated, but at the same time we see a good many fresh tracks. Philips — of the K.A.R's — got two here a month ago & saw a good many & as he had no safari, could not leave the station.

One pig hit but not got.

Jan 30th

In camp. Mile 159. (18.)

Off at daybreak & went N.E. Soon saw two female kudu — the men behind said they saw a Buck, but we did not — & some waterbuck but nothing else. Went on till we came to a rocky kopje close to the river, from which we got a fine view of the surrounding country, which appeared to be all dense bush. Kilimanjaro to the W. looked very imposing & seemed much more covered with snow than usual. Went S. & so back to camp early, only seeing one more female kudu on the way. Went S. down the railway after tea & came back W. of the line to camp, but saw only one female kudu. The bucks must be very scarce as we passed through quite an open country where we could have seen kudu if they had been there in any quantity. Hey went to Nairobi tonight to see if he could get leave for me to go into the Reserve here, which is shortly to be opened.

Jan 31st

In camp. Mile 159. (18.)

Off at 6.30 & went E. & almost immediately saw four female kudu & a buck — the former bolted but the latter stood for some time in some bushes, but it was very dark & I could not make him out though the gunbearers did. He eventually offed it — most exasperating luck & a warning against getting up too early. Went on E. but saw nothing except some impala & kongoni. Got lost coming back but eventually hit the railway at mile 158. Went out N. after tea & round E. back to camp. Saw nothing except one dik-dik & a very big pig, which I hit very hard but did not get, though we followed the blood track till it was almost dark & we were obliged to go back to camp.

1 lesser kudu killed.

Feb 1st.

In camp. Mile 159. (18.)

Off at 5,45 & went due E. for about two hours & then swung round S. & so back to camp. Saw two waterbuck but nothing else of any kind. Went out W. after tea to the river & back E. to camp — as usual saw nothing. Telegram from Hoey came about 9. p.m. saying I could go into the Reserve. Row between Hoey's gunbearer & the headman — the former accused the latter of being drunk.

Feb 2nd

In camp. Mile 159. (18.)

Off at 5,30 & crossed the line into the Reserve & went S.W. Saw nothing for some time but eventually saw 5 kudu bucks in some bushes. The light was very bad & I could not make out their heads properly — however they began to get very suspicious, so I had a go at one which I got, but he had a very good head indeed & was not worth shooting. Had another barrel at one which stopped & looked & the 2nd gunbearer said I hit him, but we could find no trace of him. Later on saw another buck, but I could not make out his head properly so did not shoot. Made a big sweep W. & so back to camp but only saw two female kudu. A dull morning with an occasional drizzle of rain, but it cleared up later & became very hot. After tea went out due W. & made a long round to camp, but the only thing I saw was a waterbuck. When in the Reserve lesser kudu seem very scarce, but I think they are very shy animals & only show themselves just at dawn. Saw some partridges with a young brood, but something must take their eggs, as it is the only bird I have seen & yet there are a lot of apparently barren pairs about, though a few fly back a short distance that they might have some very young ones about.

1 lesser kudu ♂ mixed. (galloping.)

Game seen at Intito Kudu

Lesser kudu	1 killed ♂.
Rongoni	not shot at.
Waterbuck	" " ".
Giraffe	" " ".
Impala	" " ".
Dik-dik	" " ".
Jackal	" " ".
Pig	1 hit but not got.
Zebra	not shot at.

Feb 3rd

On camp. (marching.) Mile 15 9. (18.)

Off before it was light & went down the line for about a mile till I could see more or less & then turned S.W. Saw nothing for a long time — soon lost 2nd gunbearer & porters — but as bad luck would have it eventually, when I happened to be looking at my compass, Mohammed saw a good buck & three females. He was off before I could get hold of my rifle & though I loosed off at him about 100 yds off as he vanished into some bushes, I naturally did not hit him. Came back along the line — a long walk & got back to camp till 10, 30 — a hard morning in this muggy climate. Saw one impala & a few koongoni. The gunbearers & porters did not get in till nearly 3 — after I had sent out all the rest of the men to look for them. Struck camp about 5. & went to the station, where I had dinner. Train in at 10, 30 with Hoey on it. No room for our posho, so we had to take 7 loads behind.

Feb 4th

On camp. Maungu station.

Heavy rain at Voi — got to Maungu at 4, 15 & pitched tents in the dark, getting to bed about 5. Up late & did not go out till after tea S.W. past the hospital behind the station. It is a nasty bushy country with high dry grass, which makes it very hard to go noiselessly & we saw nothing & no fresh tracks of kudu. Row between the headman & my & Hoey's gunbearers — evidently a put up job of the latter to get him the sack — brought up again now Hoey is here & can understand the language. Stumbled in Hoey sacking his gunbearer — mine ought to go too, but I can't spare him. The station askari came to camp tonight & says there are plenty of kudu on the E. of the line, so we have engaged him tomorrow.

10 ♂ (apparently) hit, but not got.

1 lesser kudu killed.

Feb 5th

In camp. Maungu station.

As soon as it was light, moved the line a went N.E. After about an hours walk we saw a good kudu & some females. Stalked them very carefully but they heard us & bolted. Followed them & again came up to the bucks, but he moved into some thick bushes & vanished. Went on & came upon a good oryx, but he jumped away before we saw him & I had two barrels at him as he galloped amongst the trees. Thought I hit him, so we followed his spoor & came up to him very soon in some thick bushes. However he slipped away unseen & we eventually lost his tracks. Saw nothing more. Country fairly open in places. Went out the same way only rather more S. after tea, but only saw impala & dik-dik. Told Roy that unless we went very much more quietly & with more care, we should never get another kudu.

Feb 6th

In camp. Maungu station.

Lion grunting round camp most of the night & being called at 4. By mistake, made me pass a restless night. Off at 6,20 & went N— much more quietly than usual. Saw nothing for a long time but eventually I spotted something in long grass about 50 yds away & immediately a male kudu got up. I had three shots at him & hit him each time— in the hind leg, stomach & heart— but he did not drop for some time. A moderate head of about 16 ins. straight. Coming home saw two oryx but they heard us & got our wind & I did not get a shot, though we followed them for some time. Turned very hot so back in camp by 9,30. Willis came by in a goods train about 1, en route to Mombasa. Went out 4th the line after tea & then struck N.E, but saw nothing as usual & the only tracks to be seen were those of zebra. There seems to be no game within 5 miles of the railway.

1 dik-dik ♂ & 1 impala ♂ killed.
1 steinbuck ♂ missed.

Game seen at Maungu.

Lesser kudu	1 killed ♂.
Oryx (callotis)	1 hit but not got.
Impala	1 killed ♂.
Dik-dik	1 killed ♂.
Kongoni	not shot at.

Feb 7th

In camp. Maungu station.

Off about 6, 30 & went 5 or 6 miles N.E. & then came back to camp. Saw nothing except what we thought was a steinbuck, but from his character it was a waterbuck. Came across some tracks which must have been those of the Greater Kudu — they were the right shape & one measured 5 inches long by 3½ inches across. They are not known to be here & have never been seen by anyone, but have lately been reported to have been seen near Voi, which is not more than 20 miles from here. Hunted the line after tea & then S.W. back to camp — shot a dik-dik & a moderate impala — latter hit through the neck & the bullet passing out through the eye, smashed the skull to pieces — 350.

Feb 8th

In camp. Maungu station.

Went over the line at the usual early hour & then N.E. & back to camp but saw nothing except two dik-dik & some impala all the morning. A lot of giraffe tracks but none of the animals to be seen. H. again inclined to return to the "crash-bang" style of walking, hence probably our lack of luck. A dull morning with a slight drizzle of rain, but it cleared up later. Packed up after tea.

Feb 9th

Grand Hotel Mombasa.

Called at 2, 30 a.m. & got up & struck camp in the dark. Train in sharp at 4, but no empty carriage, so H. & I had to pack in with another man & with all our luggage, it was a very tight fit. Got to Mombasa at 10 after quite a cool journey but it was fairly hot there. Called at Hemp's & got my mail. Just after lunch a fire broke out in the native quarter at the back of the hotel & destroyed a good many huts before it was stopped & caused immense excitement.

Saw quite fresh tracks of a lion in the sand soon after we left camp.
There seems absolutely no game at all, so what it feeds upon is a mystery.

Feb 10th

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Busy all the morning buying things & arranging for the safari to start tomorrow. Spent the afternoon at the Club.

Feb 11th

In camp. (marching.) Intongwe.

There was talk of the safari being off at 9. a. m, but as usual in this country, it was quite 3. p. m. before it started & then without any of the mens tents. Strolled to Kilindini about 4, 30 & found that most of the safari had just started to cross the bay in a dhow. They soon got over, as the wind was with them, but after waiting for a long time for the dhow to tack back, which from its rig, it did awfully badly, We got the water police to row us across. Walked for about half an hour & found the tents pitched where the Englishman was murdered last year & his four murderers (natives) hanged. Rather a gruesome spot.

Feb 12th

In camp. (marching.)

An awfully hot night — just like a Turkish bath. Off latish, as it took some time to get the loads right & marched first through cocoa nut shambas & afterwards in more open country — very sandy — till 9, 30, when we camped. Very hot marching.

Feb 13th

In camp. (marching.) Forest camp.

Soon after midnight the askari on duty saw a man creeping up to our tents & challenged him, but he took no notice & they jumped up & found him close to his tent. He seemed half drunk, so we tied him up to a tree & made him carry a load when we started at 6, 15. A long & very hot march finishing by a very stiff climb up the Shimba Hills. In at 12 & camped near the foresters' house. Much cooler on top of the hills & fine view of the sea in the far distance.

1 Sable killed & 1 missed.

Feb 14th

In camp. (marching.) Inathele.

Jurjuri — the forester — a Ngoni — a settler — dined with us last night. Off at 6, 30 & marched over a level plateau for about two hours when the headman saw a sable buck & about twelve does. Unluckily they had just seen us but we kept quiet & they eventually moved off quietly into a valley with a lot of bush in it. We followed them but they saw or heard us & bolted for about a mile & then stopped on the side of a hill. We made a long detour but never saw them again. Resumed our march & at 11, 15 reached the edge of the plateau & had a tremendous view over a hazy country which stretched as far as the eye could reach — quite flat apparently. Then turned sharp S. along the edge of the hill gradually descending till we came to a stream & camped at 12, 30. A long hard morning & very hot. The chief came in & gave a good account of sable if we moved camp about 2½ hours to the W.

Feb 15th

In camp. (marching.) Sable camp.

Awfully worried by mosquitoes when dressing, but off at 5, 30 & had a very stiff climb up the hill to the E — on the top there was quite a Scotch mist — & then turned N. & eventually S. along side & below the hill. Saw about a dozen sable cows but no bull, so went due W. down the valley to where camp had been shifted after we left. Had to cut our way through some awfully thick bush at first, but then got into more open country & as we were walking on one side of a ravine, I saw four bull sable on the other side. They seemed a long way off, so I put up the 300 yds sight — had to aim through long wavy grass — & just two shots right above the last one. Changed to 200 yds sight — the sable couldn't make out where the shots came from & stood — & hit him just behind the shoulder & he dropped. A good head of 35 ins. Had a snap shot at another but apparently missed. Resumed at 10, 30

Cost of stay in British East Africa from Nov 4th 1908. to Feb 28th 1909.

	Rs.	
Boma 1st & British East Africa Corporation for ninety days safari — including some railway expenses.	7958.	Boma = 7027. B.E.A.C. = 931.
A.C. Ivory at £45. per month for four months	2700.	
For hire of pony	425	
Camera, etc	202	
Self expended in posho, railway fares, stages, etc, etc.	2865	
Hotel exes.	692	
Other safari exes	1500	
*Total spent in country	= Rs. 16442.	

* (exclusive of cost of passage (out & home.)

~~One~~ (~~Not~~ exclusive of cost of) (Having Ivory (confiscated) (in at Rs. 11-8 per 38½ lbs.)

* One pony which cost Rs. 600 died.

Feb 16th

In camp. (marching.) Siafu camp.

Guides turned up late, so not off till 7,15. Marched over a very undulating bushy country due N. & heading towards the Shimba Hills, till 10, when we camped near a stream. A dull cloudy day & not so hot — all the same I was wet through owing to perspiration when we stopped. One is sweating unceasingly all night & all day in this country & at night it rolls off one in streams.

Feb 17th

In camp. (marching.) Forest camp.

Soon after 1, I was awoke by feeling as if I was being pricked by a thousand pins. I got a light & found I was covered by hundreds of red ants (siafu) & that the whole tent was one mass of them. Bolted out of the tent & chucked my pyjamas off & eventually got rid of them, & the askaris & Juma got my bed out but could get nothing else — these ants bite most viciously & painfully & the natives are very afraid of them. Borrowed some pyjamas & a rug from Hoey & after putting off the ants by making a ring of hot ashes, tried to sleep in the dining tent but the mosquitoes were bad & I never got to sleep again. The ants were no doubt migrating & by bad luck my tent was in their path — they had all vanished by daybreak. Off at 7 in a shower of rain & had an awfully hot climb up the Shimba Hills — I don't think I have ever sweated so much in my life & very thing I had on was completely saturated. It was much cooler on the top & we got to Turner's house about 9, so & camped in the same place as we did on the 13th. Delightfully cool & a lovely view of the sea — about 15 miles away — with dhows sailing up & down the coast. I believe we are about 1800 ft above the sea.

Sent to Rowland Ward_

I. 3 lions skins. ♂♂♂
4 lions skulls. ♂♂♂♂
1 serval cat skin. ♀
1 oryx head, headskin & skull. ♀
1 dik-dik " " " ". ♀
1 bushbuck " " " ". ♂
1 waterbuck " " " ". ♂
2 kob " " " ". ♂♂
2 oribi " " " ". ♂♂
1 eland head. ♂

Per Boma 7th.

II. 2 buffalo heads, headskins & skulls. ♂♂

Per Boma 7th.

III. 1 sable head, headskin & skull. ♂
1 dik-dik " " " ". ♂
1 Kudu " " " ". ♂
1 Kudu head. ♂

Per B. E. A. Corporation.

Feb 18th.

In camp. (marching.)

Off at 6,15 — cool at first but it then turned frightfully hot — & marched till 11, when we camped in the same place as we did on the 12th. Saw the lions' tracks again in the same place & quite fresh, but it is too hot to go after him & the country is very thick.

Feb 19th

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

A terribly hot night & at about 12 an alarm — the askari on duty mistaking his relief for some one trying to come into camp !!! Off at 6,45 & had an awfully hot march to the bay opposite Kilindini which we reached at 9. King came over in the ferry boat & had a ghari waiting for us & we got to the Grand Hotel about 10,30. King dined with H. & me & we had rabbits a la Kate night.

Feb 20th

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Busy all the morning arranging with King what things are to go to the Boma &c & what to England. Paid off the [redacted]

Headman	Backsheesh =	Rs. 25.	in addition to Rs 2. which they had had before
Two gunbearers	"	Rs. 20. each.	
Three askaris	"	Rs. 5 each.	

Got films developed in the afternoon & wrote chits for headman, gunbearers, &c.

Feb 21st

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Went to the Club in the morning — Billiard handicap going on which is worth £200. Dined with Roy & had a long talk about the proposed expedition next year or this autumn & settled all I could.

Game killed in East Africa.
Nov 11th 1908. to Feb 18th 1909.

Elephant-	1 ♀	21-21 lbs.
Lion	4 ♂♂♂♂	
Buffalo	2 ♂♂	44 ins. – 43 ins.
Oryx	1 ♀	30½ ins.
Dik-dik	2 ♂♀	
Grant-	1 ♂	
Zebra	2 ♂♂	
Kongoni	6 ♂♂♂♀♀♀	
Eland	1 ♂	22 ins.
Bili	2 ♂♂	
Kob	5 ♂♂♂♂♂	20 ins.
Waterbuck	1 ♂	29 ins.
Bushbuck	1 ♂	15 ins.
Serval cat-	1 ♀	
Reedbuck	1 ♂	
Lesser Kudu	2 ♂♂	16 ins.
Impala	1 ♂	
Sable	1 ♂	35 ins.
	35.	

Animals shot at – standing & running – (Every shot counted.) ..... 56.

Animals killed ..... 35.

Animals missed ..... 15.

Animals hit but not got ..... 7.

Feb 22nd.

Grand Hotel — Mombasa.

Hoey left for Nairobi at 11 this morning, also Frenchshenk. Busy writing to Penrenda about what I have arranged for our expedition next winter — addressed to Thomas Cook & Sons — Paris.

Feb 23rd

Grand Hotel. — Mombasa.

Went to the B.E.A. Corporation offices after breakfast & spent the morning packing up my gun cases & having the trunks I am sending home as cargo, examined by the Custom's man. Leggett came in — he has just returned from Uganda — & asked me to stay with him, but I declined with thanks as his house is so far away.

Feb 24th.

Grand Hotel. — Mombasa.

Made the usual journey into the town to buy things & afterwards went to the Club — usual billiard handicap going on.

Feb 25th.

Grand Hotel — Mombasa.

Went to the agents' & got my ticket to London on the "Djemnah" — deck cabin to myself for which I paid Rs. 1056. Hornyold came in from the Italian border where he has been since July. Dined with the Leggetts — went in a gharry as far as the ~~the~~ rails went & then had to walk about ½ mile in deep sand. A very nice house right on the edge of the shore. A tremendous lot of ivory came in today from Uganda.

Feb 26th.

Grand Hotel. — Mombasa.

Found I was short of tents, etc so had to buy more. Alba & his friend arrived today & are staying with the Leggetts — Liberian Goldsmith. Very much cooler tonight.

For 1 years' expedition

4 suits of clothes — Breeches to lace — loose cuffs to sleeves — Brown colour.
2 Holland suits — 1 suit evening clothes — white shirts — silk drawers.
2 flannel "
6 Khaki coloured flannel shirts with fixed collars.
8 pair drawers.
18 pair socks.
12 handkerchiefs.
1 pair leather slippers.
6 pair thick patties.
2 pith helmets — Wrecker & Glenroy.
1 cap & soft hat.
1 Brown oilskin
1 Burberry slip-on.

1 pair Mosquito boots — buckles higher in the leg.
3 pairs of boots — bootlaces.
1 pair rubber boots — 1 pair pumps.
Trees — skeleton.
1 pair tennis shoes — for ship.
India rubber sponges.
Sponge bag.

Shaving case.
Looking glass.
Bath.

Feb 27th

Grand Hotel — Mombasa.

Settled up with the B.E.A. Corporation — my safari after table came to Rs. 933. — rather dear for one animal. Went to lunch with the Leggetts — Alba & Mediciello there — they had got some good waterbuck but nothing else much except a cow elephant & a lioness. They went to Voi & Maungu but saw nothing & altogether I gathered did'nt think much of the country.

Feb 28th

S.S. "Djemnah". — Indian Ocean.

Packed up & went to the Club & saw Eustace, who had come out in the "Melbourne" this morning. Started with King at 10 & went in his ghari to the custom house at Kilindini where they passed my baggage without any bother. Went on board the "Djemnah" & found I had a fair deck cabin but not a very large one. Off at 1.30 & met a nice breeze at first, but it soon dropped & got very hot. A few bits of English people on board, including Greave-Read, Sewell & Townsend — captain of the "Clement-Hill" & the usual swarm of French children.

March 1st.

S.S. "Djemnah". — Indian Ocean.

Run = 274.

A cool cloudy morning but the sun came out about 10 & it became very hot through afternoon & it became quite cool.

March 2nd

Run = 276 S.S. "Djemnah". — Indian Ocean.

Quite a fresh breeze blowing & fairly cool — ship pitching & rolling a little.

Cartridge pouches.
" Belts for gunbearers.

"Red Dwarf" stylograph.
Iron Despatch Box.

Aluminium glass.

March 3rd.

Run = 277. Indian Ocean.

Most people complaining & feeling ill this morning.
A good deal cooler a quite a fresh breeze.

March 4th.

S.S. "Djemnah" Indian Ocean.

Run = 320.

A delightfully cool fresh morning & not very hot even in the afternoon. Passed Cape Ras Hafun about 12 — low steep cliffs with no signs of any inhabitants — quite close on the port side & about 5 sighted the high cliffs of Cape Guardafui which we passed about 8, though it was too dark to see the "sleeping lion".

March 5th.

S.S. "Djemnah." Gulf of Aden.

Run = 298.

Strong breeze from the W. but ship very steady. Later it dropped to just about the pace the ship was going & it got stiflingly hot. Mosquitoes are very bad on board especially in the saloon.

March 6th.

S.S. "Djemnah." Djibouti.

Cool breeze early — We got to Djibouti about 10, 30 & anchored — one other French boat in the roads. It turned very hot as soon as we stopped but I did not go ashore. Started coaling about 11, 30 & finished by 3. The usual crowd of Somalis selling rabbits & diving boys came aboard but did not seem to do much business. Am afraid my ear is going to trouble me again — this is the third time I have had an abscess in it on the voyage back from Africa. Off at 4, 30 & passed Perim about 11.

From Mombasa to Marseilles = 4600 miles.

March 7th.
S.S. "Djemmah" Red Sea.
Run = 248.
Turned very hot in the night & about 2 this d-d abscess in my ear woke me up. A cool breeze springing up about 10 & we passed several ships, including the P. & O. "Adour" bound to the Seychelles.

March 8th
S.S. "Djemmah." Red Sea.
Run = 298.
Cool breeze as usual about 10. a.m. then hot again but quite a strong breeze got up from the N. in the afternoon.

March 9th
S.S. "Djemmah". Red Sea.
Run = 300.
Quite a cold night & I used a sheet on the bed for the first time since I got to Mombasa. Cool breeze all day from the N.

March 10th.
S.S. "Djemmah." Gulf of ~~Aden~~ Suez
Run = 304.
Quite chilly this morning & people walking about in thick clothes. Got into the Gulf of Suez early — high mountainous land on each side apparently uninhabited. Had a long talk with "Comte Gonyague Costa de Beauregard" who got on board at Djibouti & seems engaged in several financial enterprises in this part of the world. Got to Suez about 10 & anchored & a lady doctor came on board to examine the passengers about 11. A fara, as she only looked at us as we walked past her.

March 11th.

S.S. "Djemnah". Port Said.

Off anchored soon after 12 & went into the canal. After 8 o'clock we did not tie up but went straight through & got to Port Said about 3. p.m. — a very quick passage through the canal. Went ashore with Sewell & loafed about till 6.30, when we went back to dine on the boat. My ear very bad tonight & the pain so bad that I could not sleep. Tried iodine.

March 12th.

S.S. "Djemnah.")

Run = 153. Mediterranean Sea.

Off soon after midnight. Quite smooth outside & not too cold. Ear bad again so tried a poultice, which had not any effect.

March 13th.

S.S. "Djemnah". Mediterranean Sea.

Run = 300.

Sighted Crete early — the tops of the hills being covered with snow & looking wonderfully pretty after four months of Africa. Passed inside ~~an~~ two islands about 1. A lovely day — quite calm & very pleasant sitting in the sun out of the wind.

March 14th.

S.S. "Djemnah". Mediterranean Sea.

Run = 306.

Quite warm again early this morning. Later in the afternoon a cold breeze got up from the N. which made it much too chilly to sit on deck — as a matter of fact the thermometer on the deck — in the shade was 66° today, so that we shall feel like when we get to England, goodness only knows.

Crossed on "le Ford."

March 15th.

S.S. "Djemnah". Mediterranean Sea.

Run = 278.

Passed through the Straits of Messina about 1.a.m. & Stromboli at 6. Began to blow about 10 & by the afternoon had increased to a gale & the ship rolled & pitched a lot. Very cold too. Very few people at dinner & I was there a very short time.

March 16th.

S.S. "Djemnah". Mediterranean Sea.

Run = 289.

Weather got very rough in the night but moderated at day break. Passed Elba & some other islands about 11 — the mountains on some covered with snow — Corsica on our port bow a long way off all the morning. About 3 p.m. could see the Alpes Maritimes — a mass of snow.

March 17th.

In train.

Arrived off Marseilles about 4.a.m. & waited till it was daylight before we went in to the harbour. The Messageries Maritimes interpreter soon got my baggage through the Customs & Octroi-Road & I had breakfast at the Hotel Louvre et de la Paix & lunch at La Reserve. Dined at the Terminus Hotel & left at 7,40 in a Wagon-lit which by dint of bribery & lying, we kept to ourselves all the night.

March 18th.

G.N. Hotel. London.

Reached Paris at 8, drove across to the Gare du Nord & left at 9,50. A smooth passage across the Channel, except just before we reached Dover, & reached London at 6. From Paris to Calais the country was covered with snow. Rain at Dover.

March 19th.

Harmston.

Left King's Cross at 10, 35 & reached Harmston at 1, 35.
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